| Sl. No. | State | Remarks |
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| 12. | Uttar Pradesh | Declining trends observed in isolated pockets of 50 Blocks |
| 13. | Uttaranchal | Declining trends observed in isolated pockets of 2 Blocks |
| 14. | West Bengal | Declining trends observed in isolated pockets of 1 Blocks |

**Scarcity of ground water**

†1460. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has made a request to evolve a nationwide consensus regarding imposition of cess to meet the scarcity of ground water availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government on the suggestion of the Planning Commission so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per the information received from the Planning Commission, they have not made any such request to the State Government or the Central Government/ Agencies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Water agreement between China and Bangladesh**

†1461. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.